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Memo for Asst Director, OSA

Sub: OSA Support to Special Projects Staff

Ref: [redacted] Responsibility for [redacted]

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1. As I have previously instructed, the new responsibility for the development and technical direction of satellite systems within CIA has been assigned to the SPS/DDS&T headed by Jackson Maxey.

2. Until conditions or evolution dictate otherwise, and as reflected in the referenced memorandum, I do not intend that the SPS build its own administrative support complement, but rather will look to the other DD/S&T components to respond to tasks which may be levied on them by SPS. The burden of this support in bulk will fall to OSA, which in experience and organization is best suited to render the necessary assistance.

3. Specifically, OSA will be tasked to provide support in contracting, security, finance, travel, commo, registry and materiel. As an outgrowth of my previous memo regarding [redacted] support, preliminary arrangements are already underway between the approp OSA offices and John McMahon, who has the immediate responsibility of insuring necessary support for the SPS. It is requested that you advise your staff to be responsive to Mr. McM and I trust that the details and ground rules for interaction can be informally agreed to by him and members of your staff. Any conflicts in priorities requested tasks in excess of capabilities, etc., shld be discussed with either Mr. Blake or myself. I am aware that in the critical areas of contracting and security [redacted] have been

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25X1 [redacted] identified with our satellite efforts I would appreciate your making every effort to insure that these officers are allowed to maintain their continuity on this program.

4. I further request that you issue appropriate instructions within OSA authorizing Mr. Maxey and Mr. McMahon to approve travel requests and vouchers associated with SPS activities. I suggest that you keep informal records of such travel and associated expenses, in order that I may have some basis for reimbursement to OSA shld your overhead acct fall short in meeting the added and unprogrammed rqmts levied by SPS. I have directed SPS to advise you of their anticipated dollar rqmts for the remainder of FY 1965.

5. With reference to the interface of our satellite programs with the NRO, I feel that it is desirous at this time to retain a single line of contact graphically and, hence, we will continue to use those channels already established through Program B. In essence, however, technical and budgetary responsibility for the CIA/NRO satellite programs is charged to SPS and as Director, Program B, you shld look to SPS to respond to NRO rqmts relative to these efforts. SPS will assume the responsibility for preparing necessary reports to the NRO on budgetary matters and this info will be provided to OSA for incorporation with its normal status of funds reports of other NRO activities. At your option, your appropriate staff member may participate in these sessions. Personal contact with members of the NRO Staff regarding satellite programs will be delegated to SPS personnel. As an exception, OSA shld retain the budget and programming responsibilities it nbow performs for the CORONA Program. I anticipate, however, that this function may also pass to SPS at an appropriate time.

6. I appreciate that the dual responsiveness of your support to both OSA rqmts and those of SPS will undoubtedly test the mettle and patience of every individual. I grant that it is not the most desirable of situations, but reoognize that the economies and efficiencies achieved in utilizing the OSA support structure for both OSA and SPS programs outweigh the organizational disadvantages.

/s/ Albert D. Wheelon
DD/S&T



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